

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2011**

### **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

We, together with the IEEE, hosted a seminar led by ISOC-AU Director Narelle Clark. *The Internet Off Switch: Wikileaks, Arab Protests and Beyond* covered the range of mechanisms, both technical and regulatory, used to block or interrupt Internet use over the past year. Held in Sydney and Melbourne, the presentation was followed by a lively discussion and much socialising. To celebrate World IPv6 Day on 8 June, we helped organise a special event for students from Wollondilly Anglican College and Waverley College, who were given the challenge to 'break' the IPv6 Internet. Students were able to access the IPv6 Internet courtesy of Studentnet and IPv6Now, even though their schools' current infrastructure only supports IPv4. Finally, we, together with Maddocks, hosted a very lively and interesting reception for Internet Evangelist Vint Cerf.

### **DIRECTORS' ACTIVITIES**

The Directors held two face-to-face strategy meetings this year – the first in April and the second in September. The meetings reviewed progress against Strategic Plan Goals, including ISOC-AU relationships both internationally (with ISOC and ISOC Chapters particularly) and nationally, input into relevant national and international policy debates, increasing awareness of ISOC-AU.

Directors have attended numerous meetings during the year both internationally and nationally. Internationally, Directors participated in the ICANN meetings in Cartagena, San Francisco and Singapore, and ISOC Chapter meetings held at the same time. The Executive Director and other Directors attended the ISOC chapters meeting and INet in Sri Lanka. Other meetings attended include meetings of the IPv6 Asia Pacific Task Force, APNIC Meetings in the Gold Coast, the IETF meeting in Prague and the PacINET meeting in Port Vila.

Nationally, Directors and the Executive Director attended meetings convened by the Consumer Consultative Forum of the Australian Media and Communications Authority (ACMA), the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) board, and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner. The Executive Director and another Directors also gave evidence to the Senate Standing Committee on Communication and the Environment, on NBN legislation.

ISOC-AU has also become involved in aspects of e-security, participating in the Government's e-security awareness week planning and its 'Over the Horizon' event. ISOC-AU is also a member of the Safer Internet Group – with members including Google, Yahoo, Inspire, ALIA and others, to address aspects of cyber security.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

ISOC-AU made a number of submissions this year, as follows;

- Review of .au Policy Framework proposed in auDA paper of May 2011
- National Broadband Network Companies Bill 2010;  
Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (NBN Measures - Access Arrangements) Bill 2010
- DBDCE Convergence Review: Terms of Reference
- Review of .au Policy Framework
- Comments on the ACCC's Paper on the NBN Points of Interconnect (POIs)
- Comments on the Exposure Draft of the Australian Privacy Amendment Legislation

## **SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS**

With support from the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network (ACCAN) and ISOC, ISOC-AU developed a primer for the global community on Australia's implementation of broadband policy. We also developed *The NBN: A Guide for Consumers*, a plain English guide on what the NBN is and will mean for consumers. The *Guide* was launched by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Conroy. Both are available on our website. We also used an ISOC Community Grant to support a project on disability awareness and fund a workshop at the ISOC chapters meeting in Sri Lanka. The manager of that Project has also conducted a series of e-meetings over the life of the project and done an on-line facility on processes for organisations to conduct a disability workshop within their own chapter. Materials for the facility are available on the ISOC website.

Both Google and AusRegistry have very generously continued their support of ISOC-AU as Silver sponsors. Our Enterprise and Foundation members are also valued supporters of ISOC-AU. We also very much appreciate the important in-kind support from Maddocks, Optus, and PPS.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The Directors would like to formally record their gratitude for the work of the Honorary President Tony Hill, the Honorary Vice President Narelle Clark, the Honorary Secretary Cheryl Langdon-Orr and the Honorary Treasurer Paul Brooks.